

## **Hurricane Harvey Response 2017 and**

### **Community Liaison (CL) Report**

**TO:** Alpha Team Leader

**FROM:** CL Team: Rebecca Wenner, Liz Blackburn, Sam Porter, Chris Villarreal

**SUBJECT:** Summary of Activities by the Team on September 28, 2017

**COUNTY:** Aransas and Refugio County, Texas

**DATE:** 09/28/2017

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#### Aransas County – Rockport

- Visited the First Baptist Church Volunteer Reception Center and left additional information brochures. Their needs include tools and volunteers.
- Attended the Volunteer coordination meeting at 11:15 am at the Apple Dumpling Bistro. Several groups were in attendance: Americorp (who is staffing the Volunteer Reception Center at the First Baptist Church), Rockport Relief Camp, New Beginnings Ministries, Horse Rescue, Public Relations for the City of Rockport, Texas Conservation Corps, Maricopa Pantry. The meeting helped the entities coordinate volunteers and donations and organize recovery efforts. We explained our purpose and obtained e-mail addresses for each organization to send the handouts and web page links to.

#### Aransas County – Bayside

- The City of Bayside offices were closed when we got there and their donation center was locked so we were unable to deliver any additional handouts.

#### Refugio County – Woodsboro

- We spoke to the Ruby De La Garza, City Secretary, who told us that 85% of the homes had some damage with several being totally destroyed. They are coordinating their recovery efforts on a city Facebook page. They said that the closest DRC is in Refugio. We are e-mailing handouts and web pages.
- We spoke to Dennis Wright at Grunt Rescue, which is a volunteer organization helping local residents with clean-up and organizing donations of goods. He said they were going to set up here and help in Rockport, but saw a greater need in this small town and stayed. In addition to coordinating volunteers and food and cleaning supplies, they have also been rescuing dogs. They can provide mold PPE. We gave him Spanish mold information to help the citizens they visit and will email him additional resources.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

- City of Woodsboro recommended that we visit Austwell and Victoria.

**N/A**

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS:** None identified.